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Honored as inductees of the 2019 class of the Belleville High School Athletic Hall of Fame are, from left, David Fowler for his recently deceased wife Karen (Kotlarczyk) Fowler, Robyn (Golden) Liberty, Judy (Wisniewski) Houlihan, Garrade Pettus, and Ian Gold.

Five inducted into Belleville High School Athletic Hall of Fame

On Friday, five former Belleville High School students were honored as 2019 inductees into the BHS Hall of Fame during half-time at the BHS-Franklin High School basketball game.

• **Karen (Kotlarczyk) Fowler**, class of 1987, (posthumous award) led the BHS Women's Swim Team to four Western Wayne Invitational first-place championships, four league first-place swimming championships, as well as being a four-time state qualifier in the sprint freestyle events where she placed in the top 10 each time. She earned a full scholarship for swimming to Oakland University, but was injured during her sophomore year that ended her swimming career. She transferred to Eastern Michigan University and completed her degree to become an occupational therapist;

• **Ian Gold**, class of 1996, was selected First Team All-State in both football and track during his senior year, and received an academic scholarship to continue his academic learning at the University of

Michigan. He participated in football, basketball, and track every year of his high school career, which he said played a vital role in his athletic and academic development. Upon receipt of a degree in political science from U of M, the Denver Broncos selected Ian with the 40th pick in the 2000 NFL Draft. Following eight grueling seasons on the gridiron, Gold capped off his NFL career by walking away from an NFL contract out of his growing desire to discover *life's true meaning and purpose*. Ian has since established Plant Water Grow Harvest, Inc. to define and give structure to his life's work: *to attain, and help others attain, emunah in Jesus Christ*. He adds, "If I could deliver a message to my school-aged self, it would be: before GOD purposed you to do anything, HE created you to be loved by HIMSELF. Receive HIS love."

• **Judy (Wisniewski) Houlihan**, class of 1984, was an excellent varsity softball player during her years at BHS and her softball career continued at Henry Ford

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12th Annual Report to Taxpayers

Van Buren Township 2019 Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township

	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Total Compensation
Police			
Floro, Kenneth	\$110,979.99	\$118,421.17	\$274,861.51
McCormick, Ryan	\$86,563.65	\$83,397.45	\$204,665.26
Abdilla, Marc	\$98,466.22	\$53,142.62	\$193,950.72
Keele, Louis	\$97,986.98	\$43,871.04	\$184,081.19
Champagne, David	\$89,107.67	\$44,316.38	\$175,948.61
Smith, Amy	\$117,006.87		\$171,084.77
Schulz, Alexander	\$122,560.63		\$170,870.70
Buckberry Jr, Mark	\$120,145.84		\$167,904.86
Stanton, Jeffrey	\$108,488.90		\$160,413.22
Bazzy, Charles	\$108,379.38		\$160,367.35
Rini, Michael	\$112,693.15		\$152,930.57
Laurain, Gregory	\$114,198.47		\$151,098.19
King, Mark	\$102,706.51		\$147,876.24
Gueli, Jeffery	\$110,739.35		\$145,741.85
Raschke, Matthew	\$100,576.99		\$143,398.03
Short, Jordan	\$98,400.07		\$142,723.58
Papin, Michael	\$99,871.34		\$142,561.27
Byrd, Adam	\$97,800.04		\$141,805.90
Hayes, Christopher	\$101,467.96		\$135,638.38
Buxton, Mark	\$91,402.14		\$134,161.86
Barry, Ryan	\$93,918.93		\$130,245.40
Hernandez, Daniel	\$87,663.29		\$129,839.04
Harrison, Dale	\$95,102.30		\$127,925.86
Perez, Derek	\$91,892.71		\$127,821.03
Griggs, Scott	\$94,425.18		\$127,034.69
Wright, Jason	\$84,926.89		\$126,737.14
Valinski, Christopher	\$89,842.78		\$125,368.29
Hillen, James	\$83,549.65		\$124,940.05
McCarthy, Donovan	\$87,720.14		\$122,828.55
Bidwell, Ryan	\$81,356.00		\$122,347.39
Long, Michael	\$89,785.20		\$121,484.75
Wehrman, Patrick	\$81,859.65		\$115,816.47
Sweet, Frederick	\$80,132.90		\$113,750.41
Mowbray, Kurtis	\$86,405.30		\$110,087.17
Bettendorf, William	\$77,034.75		\$110,016.90
Tront, Jason L	\$84,508.07		\$108,563.87
Daniels, Keith	\$77,456.45		\$101,828.44
Svabik, Daniel	\$75,448.90		\$99,405.29
Schmidtke, Casey	\$51,630.04		\$86,618.16
Edge, Michael	\$56,022.13		\$84,460.44
Fey, Christopher	\$57,237.26		\$82,558.16
Toney, Kenneth	\$26,272.90		\$34,296.74
Evans, Seth	\$21,304.15		\$29,665.81
Sohal, Anupamdeep	\$16,990.46		\$21,658.76
Lloyd, Christopher	\$9,705.94		\$15,950.00
Harman, Christina	\$54,422.44		\$78,891.78
Ordinance			
Schuler, David	\$53,683.13	\$41,620.98	\$123,487.36
Queener, Robert	\$63,366.80		\$99,162.00

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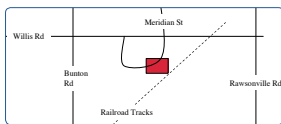

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Van Buren Township 2019 Employee Wages & Actual Cost

Van Buren Township 2019 Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township			Elected Officials	Wages	Compensation	
Dispatch	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Total Compensation	McNamara, Kevin	\$89,527.92	\$114,760.02
				Wright, Leon	\$85,995.06	\$128,033.15
				Budd, Sharry	\$85,995.06	\$112,235.03
				Frazier, Sherry	\$16,503.96	\$22,935.75
				Martin, Kevin	\$16,503.96	\$22,935.75
				Miller, Regina	\$16,503.96	\$22,795.59
				White, Paul	\$16,503.96	\$38,575.75
				Assessing		
				Stevenson, Linda	\$73,500.10	\$112,989.03
				Dorazio, Gina	\$44,626.34	\$78,043.11
				Board of Review		
				Jensen, Juanita	\$480.00	\$516.72
			Roesch III, Harry	\$480.00	\$516.72	
			Speaks, Loretta	\$360.00	\$387.54	
Fire			Building Dept.			
Bates, Jacob		\$5,936.63	\$6,497.64	Fields, Judy	\$104,224.69	\$140,774.76
Bowman, Scott		\$35,481.32	\$38,834.30	Best, Matthew	\$85,419.39	\$120,130.66
Brow, Amy		\$80,126.89	\$108,523.69	Halstead, Anna	\$44,871.27	\$73,271.08
Campbell, Bronson		\$40,678.21	\$45,943.09	Akers, Ronald	\$48,875.27	\$73,229.72
Cox, Dustin		\$23,305.04	\$25,507.37	Grishaber, Tina	\$50,035.69	\$68,681.11
Crain, Andrew		\$29,666.50	\$32,469.98	McGuire, Laura	\$17,882.55	\$45,783.55
DeWitt, Charles		\$8,516.32	\$9,321.11	Stamper, Grace	\$6,669.00	\$7,179.18
Doty, Douglas		\$39,408.95	\$47,173.98	Building/Grounds		
Fedel, Andrew		\$50,555.42	\$55,332.91	Jenkins, Kirk	\$60,537.48	\$96,329.31
Folks, Ronald		\$69,913.79	\$79,893.96	Cochenour, Jonathon	\$57,004.02	\$83,956.28
Greff, Allison		\$5,573.75	\$6,446.04	Burgor, Michael	\$58,078.54	\$83,020.81
Hamill, Jr., Richard		\$20,735.95	\$22,695.50	Esch, Charles	\$64,314.88	\$82,708.48
Hayden, John		\$29,116.56	\$31,868.07	Drotar, Ryan	\$61,756.26	\$79,325.90
Henley, James		\$3,149.25	\$3,642.11	Taylor, Gerald	\$45,949.43	\$68,490.47
Ladach, Aaron		\$54,634.92	\$66,385.33	Miller, Patty	\$48,871.01	\$65,289.14
Laskaska, Patrick		\$1,734.40	\$1,898.30	Schlutow, Kristopher	\$29,754.75	\$44,276.38
Lenaghan, Andrew		\$16,355.53	\$17,606.73	Fondaw, Jeffrey	\$24,368.90	\$36,650.98
Ling, Jason		\$34,541.87	\$37,806.08	Cable		
Lunsford, Curtis		\$40,414.67	\$44,233.86	Bleifeld, Nicole	\$20,689.70	\$29,294.93
McCormick, Elizabeth		\$27,374.95	\$29,961.88	McCracken, Alwena	\$19,369.22	\$24,550.98
McInally II, David		\$71,975.74	\$103,744.97	Clerk's Office		
Moening, Michael		\$19,561.95	\$21,410.55	Towles, Carol	\$71,871.37	\$93,501.41
Pierce, Christopher		\$35,209.43	\$38,536.72	Tyler, Karen	\$44,336.46	\$70,560.87
Queen, Timothy		\$21,778.09	\$23,836.12	Montgomery, Joanne	\$23,703.61	\$36,310.16
Rose, John		\$18,161.03	\$19,877.25	Communications		
Smith, Ryan		\$86,010.88	\$96,484.18	Nichols, Ryan	\$12,222.22	\$16,297.04
Sorrell, Todd		\$14,629.06	\$16,011.51	Albrecht, Alysha	\$9,482.76	\$13,733.77
Spence-Everett, Rachel		\$31,908.39	\$34,923.73	Shafer, Devin	\$1,737.50	\$1,870.42
Vlademar, Michael		\$11,725.52	\$12,833.58	Laeder, Tyler	\$1,695.00	\$1,824.67
Walter, Daniel		\$44,360.82	\$51,752.29	DDA		
			TOTAL \$8,015,444.75	Ireland, Susan	\$82,366.03	\$107,847.41

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

2019 Total Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township -- \$8,015,444.75

2018 Total Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township -- \$7,454,108.12

Difference + \$561,336.63

2019 Public Safety total wages & compensation had approximately a 7.5% increase since 2018.

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Ireland, Susan	\$82,366.03	\$107,847.41
Lothringer, Lisa	\$51,287.49	\$85,179.24
Kalnasy, Melissa	\$2,346.00	\$2,525.47

Elections

Beaudry, Brittany	\$70,638.00	\$101,957.53
Hubbard, Donae	\$17,517.38	\$21,857.46
Jones, Ryan	\$1,155.76	\$1,244.18

IT

Rankin, Steve L	\$79,779.20	\$104,736.61
Dandy, Kenneth	\$65,317.73	\$95,999.88
Sabin, Joel S	\$55,108.22	\$75,068.92

Museum

Dallos, Kathryn	\$37,730.81	\$54,562.47
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Parks

Nicholson III, Earvin	\$19,115.49	\$20,577.82
Haney, Marcus	\$18,637.34	\$20,063.10
Villa, Samuel	\$13,212.22	\$14,222.95
Campbell, Freddie	\$10,141.84	\$10,917.69

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Belleville Rotary donates 4-Way Test banner to VBT

On Tuesday, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees revealed its newly redesigned and upgraded board room.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara and township project manager for the upgrade Elizabeth Renaud were both home with the flu, so that was too bad.

The new, sophisticated atmosphere of the board room designed by architect Wayde Hoppe and formed into reality by Davenport Construction was a hit to all who came to the announced "ribbon cutting," that after all featured no ribbon and no cutting. What we did get was a promotion speech by Public Services Director Matt Best before opened the doors to admit the board and the public.

34th District Court Judge David Parrott, a Belleville Rotarian, was on the meeting's agenda to present a Four-Way Test banner to the township.

"The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life," he said. "We think it is a particularly appropriate decision-making model for our leaders in government."

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who was presiding over the meeting in McNamara's absence, told Judge Parrott she had a hook ready for the banner on the newly painted wall in the new board room. Police Sgt. Jeff Gueli placed the banner on the hook and it fit perfectly in the space saved for it. This is a perfect addition to the new board room where many decisions affecting the public will be made now and in the coming years.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Jerry McKelvey is expected to be in the Ann Arbor Veterans Hospital for about a month in rehab and is sure to be cheered up by get-well cards. He is doing much better.

Cards can be sent to: Patient Jerry McKelvey, Room #A-548, Veterans Administration Hospital, 2215 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor 48105.

The petition to ask Kroger to put a grocery store in the vacant Kmart building has been placed in the Sumpter Township Supervisor's office at township hall, at The Bake Shoppe at the corner of Bemis and Haggerty/Savage roads, and at Ace Hardware in Sumpter.

After Mary Ban announced she was circulating petitions, we got questions about where they were so people could sign them. They are not on line, but they are at the above locations.

Larry Baleja said he remembers when he went to the Belleville Police Department to get his driver's license. He said it was in the late 1970s or early 1980s. He remembers he waited until he was 18 years old to get his license.

He said in those days you could go to the Secretary of State or the police department. He remembers filling out a paper and they took his picture and his license came in the mail. He said they didn't give him a driving test. He wonders if anyone else remembers that procedure.

Larry said his family used to live in New Boston at the corner of Carleton West and Arkona roads. He said they paid their taxes in Sumpter Township and he went to school where the Sumpter Police Department is now.



ment is now.

He said they were forced out of their home when the dump went in. And, then they put in Crosswinds Marsh for wildlife and water trails right next to the dump. He said he still can't figure out why they did a nature area right next to the dump.

He would like to know if anyone else remembers getting a driver's license at the police station.

Ian Gold, one of those honored last Friday at the Belleville High School Athletic Hall of Fame awards at half time during the basketball game, voiced his disappointment in what the BHS staff published about him in the program.

In a letter to the staff, published on Facebook, he told how he had cooperated and sent his background to the staff putting the award presentation together, but they left out the part about his faith and used a picture other than the one he submitted at their request.

"The edits made by your staff member(s) without my knowledge or consent clearly reveal that I am laudable for my athletic prowess, while an embarrassment on the basis of my faith," he wrote. "Or, that I am included on the basis of my athletic achievements, but excluded on the basis of my faith."

He also said he accepted the nomination to the BHS Hall of Fame out of his belief that being inducted might afford him

an opportunity to plant and water seeds of unconditional love, acceptance and hope within BHS students, staff members and others in need of the same.

He has asked to be removed from the BHS Hall of Fame, for BHS to cease using his name or likeness for promotional purposes, and for them to issue a public apology for the hurt the staff member(s) action caused him, and all those who share his faith in Jesus Christ.

We were given a program for information on the winners and that's what we used in our report – except, we changed Ian Gold's information to what he had submitted – emphasizing his faith.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara missed the board's work/study meeting on Monday because he was sick and also missed the ribbon-cutting for the opening of the newly renovated board room on Tuesday. The flu has been going around at township hall, so he is presumed to have the flu.

There was a smoke alarm on Tuesday morning at the Belleville Area Museum that dispatched a city fire crew. It was learned there was a crew of painters there and it was a false alarm.





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Letters

Goodfellows thank givers for generosity

To the editor:

Another successful year has come and gone for the City of Belleville/Van Buren Township Goodfellows and their quest on fulfilling their promise of "NO CHILD WITHOUT A CHRISTMAS."

On Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, we distributed boxes of food, hams, warm children's coats, gloves, scarves, mittens, hats, blankets and all the important Christmas toys to 64 families and 165 children. It was such a great feeling to be able to offer Christmas assistance to all of these fine families.

This whole program wouldn't have been possible without the unselfish generosity of the entire Belleville, Van Buren Township and surrounding area community schools, businesses, organizations and the many hard-working volunteers that assist us every year. The 34th District Court workers for loading the food and toys into the families' vehicles. For that, a big "Thank you" goes out for each and every one of you!

We all feel blessed to be involved in such a great organization as the Goodfellows and with God's gracious blessing, look forward to serving the community for many years to come.

The City of Belleville/Van Buren Township Goodfellows would like to wish everyone a prosperous New Year!

Pam Fleming, Coordinator
 City of Belleville/Van Buren Township Goodfellows

I will bring Sumpter Township forward

To the editor and people of Sumpter Township:

Thank you to everyone for all the continued support in my mission to become the Sumpter Township supervisor. I hope your new year is starting off well. I am 71 years old and am happy with my life now, but there is one last thing I know I can do. Voting opens soon. August, then November, and we can all choose to live a better life in our beautiful township together.

I was not in attendance but was told that township treasurer made mention of my message about the risk and vulnerability in casting absentee ballots. There were many responses assuring the people that the process is exact and leaves no room for mishandling. Is it lucky irony that the \$62,000 Comcast broadcasting of the board meeting image and sound quality are so poor that it is unwatchable? These are red flags for exactly what I want to make you aware of. Only a few months ago, at the end of 2019, the city clerk of Southfield, Sherikia Hawkins, was charged with six felonies for tampering with absentee ballots.

<https://www.freep.com/story/news/politics/2019/09/23/southfield-clerk-sherikia-hawkins-election/2419363001/>

Sumpter is full of incredible people. People who need to be set free from this administration to see for themselves just how much impact our local government has on everyday life. I want the residents to have the opportunities that have been taken from under our noses. Trustee Matt Oddy, who is rumored to be running for supervisor, found a way to purchase 8 acres of land for \$2,001 in a foreclosure sale. How can an elected official who is there for the betterment of the community do that? Robert Young can say his land purchase was "technically" legal, but he had to play through hoops to do it. If the people have to ask if something is illegal, then it should be common sense you don't take advantage of the situation. Trustee Oddy's use of his shell company, First Step Properties, LLC, to hide his name behind unethical activities demonstrates a lack of good judgment and integrity. These loopholes are a source for problematic officials in our town and our country.

I stand by everything I have mentioned in my previous letters. To volunteer the last chapter of my life and do something good. I am only following my heart and letting God take care of the rest. Everything happens for a reason, and I truly believe that is why I am in this position at this point in my life. I will bring Sumpter Township forward for a better tomorrow.

Thank you,
 Nelson Po
 Sumpter Township

Any comments are appreciated and you can send me a note here: P.O. Box 2293, Belleville, MI 48112 or NelsonPo8822@gmail.com

Woman's Club accepting applications

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Woman's Club is accepting applications for scholarships from graduating seniors and from women who are returning to college after a period of time.

Graduating seniors from BHS should contact Rebecca Chinn in the Counseling Office for an application and any woman who is interested in applying for the Georgia Badgett Scholarship, please contact me at sbchud1975@gmail.com

All applications are due by April 3, 2020.

Shelly Chudzinski, Chair
 Scholarship Committee
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Hall of Fame

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Community College after graduation. She earned her bachelor and master degrees from Eastern Michigan University and currently is a regional sales director for a coatings company. During her high school years she was named all-league and all-region for three years, all state for two years and was pitcher on the 1983 and 1984 state championship teams, plus a long list of other records.

- **Robyn (Golden) Liberty**, class of 1999, was a three-sport athlete in softball, basketball, and volleyball. She went on to play softball at Michigan State University. At BHS she was 1999 Michigan Softball Gatorade Player of the Year, Michigan High School Coaches Association Academic All-State, all-league for two years, all-district for three years, all-region for two years and all-state her senior year, plus other awards for softball. In basketball she was all-conference and in volleyball all-conference and all-region;

- **Garrade Pettus**, class of 1971, was a three-sport athlete in football, basketball, and track. In track he was one of the first people in the state to convert to the Fosbury Flop, named after Dick Fosbury, who developed this style of jumping and made it famous in the 1968 Olympics. Garrade changed to this style of jumping the day before the conference meet in 1969. Prior to that, he used what they called the Western Roll. His best jump using the Western Roll was 6'0". Using the Flop he

cleared 6'3" and the rest is BHS history. He earned all-state high jump and long jump honors in track, is the record holder in high jump at 6'8" in 1970 and 6'8 3/4" in 1971, plus all-American and National Champion in 1971, and holding many conference championships in jumps and hurdles. In basketball he was all-conference and all-area for basketball and all-area in football.

The BHS Athletic Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor student-athletes,

teams, and coaches for their achievements and/or contributions to BHS.

The deadline for nominations for the 2020 class is Oct. 1. Nominations and forms are available in the Athletic Office at BHS

and on the athletic website: (<http://www.vanburenschools.net/o/belleville-high-page/bhs-athletics-homepage>) or at <https://bellevilleathletics.net>.

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Obituaries



Donald C. Clark

DONALD C. CLARK

Donald C. Clark, age 68, of Belleville, MI passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

He was born in Detroit, MI, to Ralph and Catherine Clark. He attended Livonia Franklin High School. Afterwards he worked 30+ years in construction. He retired in 2012.

He is survived by his wife Darlene (Heath) Clark, sister Andrea (Clark) Russell, brother Keith Clark, daughters Christina Heath, her children Cameren and Aubrey; stepdaughter Martha Heath and her children Elizabeth, Heather, John and Jackie.

Donald requested no funeral services be held. The family will plan a celebration of his life at a later date.



Sally Bukis

SALLY BUKIS

(March 18, 1926 -- January 28, 2020)

Mrs. Sally Bukis, a lifelong resident of Belleville passed away on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at the Gilbert Residence in Ypsilanti. She was born on March 18, 1926 in Belleville, Michigan a daughter of Leo and Caroline Wisniewski. On September 13, 1944 she was married to Peter Bukis in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Bukis preceded her in death on May 3, 2017.

She enjoyed gardening, baking, crocheting and cooking with her granddaughters. Sally loved to spend time at their cabin up north where she enjoyed picking apples from their orchard and mushroom hunting.

Mrs. Bukis is survived by her loving children: Ronald (Brenda) Bukis, Denise (Bernie) Bukis and David (Jeanne) Bukis. Loving grandmother of 7 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. And, 1 sister; Josephine Babik.

Visitation was held on Friday, January 31, 2020 from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. with a rosary at 7:00 P.M. at the Higgeson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville 734-697-9400. A mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville. Mrs. Bukis was in state from 10:30 A.M. until the time of mass. Fr. John Kiselica officiated.

Memorial contributions in Sally's name are suggested to the Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation, 7240 Chase Oaks Blvd., Plano, TX 75025 and would be appreciated.

Please keep the Bukis family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.



Frances M. Sohoza

FRANCES M. SOHOZA

(February 15, 1920 -- January 31, 2020)

Mrs. Frances Sohoza, born February 15, 1920, passed away Friday, January 31, 2020. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Emma Moore.

She was married to Ernest Sohoza in September of 1940. This union was blessed with nine children. Her husband preceded her in death in June, 2006, as did her youngest son, Phillip, in 2012.

Fran was a life-long resident of Belleville and member of St. Anthony's. She enjoyed her life as a housewife and mother, and was a loving wife to Ernie. She was always grateful for the life she was given. As a result of her generous spirit and pleasant personality, she was loved by many. She enjoyed crocheting and reading.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children: Timothy (Sharon) Sohoza, Teresa (Robert) Allen, Carol (Mike) Hardesty, Irene Sloan, Yvonne (Ron) Slone, Andrew (Kelly) Sohoza, Edward Sohoza, and Matthew Sohoza; 27 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren, 17 great-great-grandchildren, as well as a host of devoted nieces and nephews, her sister Ruth Drotar (age 96) and brother Paul Moore (age 92).

Visitation was 5-8 p.m. Monday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI. The family greeted guests at church 10-11 a.m. Father John Kiselica served as Celebrant. Entombment was in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions may be made in the form of Masses.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Saturday, Feb. 8** – The annual Michigan Law Enforcement Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics Michigan begins at 9:30 a.m. with Plunger Check-In, followed by a Parade of Costumes at 11:45 a.m., the Plunge at noon, and After-Splash Bash and Awards at the Belleville Yacht Club. Register for the plunge at: www.plungeMI.com.

• **Sunday, Feb. 9** – Sunday Music from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd. This week it's 18 Strings.

• **Thursday, Feb. 13** – GriefShare seminars start today at 5 Points Church in Romulus. The seminar and support group will meet at 6 p.m. each Thursday. For information, call the church at (734) 941-1511 or see www.griefshare.org.

• **Friday, Feb. 14** – Van Buren Eagles Auxiliary Valentine's Dinner from 5 p.m. until gone. Steaks prepared and donated by Van Buren Eagle Riders. Includes steak, baked potato with fixings, salad, bread & butter, and dessert. \$15 per person. Live band from 7 to 11 p.m. Proceeds to FOE Charity Foundation Children's Fund.

Obituaries



Ricky Allen Bess

RICKY ALLEN BESS

(August 4, 1961 – January 30, 2020)

Ricky Allen Bess, age 58, of Belleville, MI, passed away early Thursday, January 30, 2020, at his home. He was born August 4, 1961 in Detroit, MI. He graduated from Harrison High School, Farmington, MI. Ricky enjoyed golf, hunting, camping, and appreciated motorcycles. Mr. Bess is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Toni M. Bess; four children: Michael (Emma) Bess of Saginaw, MI, Jennifer (Lance) Mason of Noblesville, Indiana, Richard A. Bess of Detroit, MI and Andrew (Teesha) Bess of Southfield, MI; two grandsons: Henry James and Augustus Mason; his mother Dianne (Fred) Flock of Farmington Hills, MI; two brothers: George (Rhonda) Bess and Victor (Dawn) Bess, both of Florida; sister Sandra Bain of Fenton, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father Boyd Leon Bess (2018).

Visitation was Noon until 2 PM Saturday, February 1, 2020 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Cremation rites haven been accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to Paws and Effect Service Dogs and would be appreciated. www.pawsandeffectdogs.org
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Dorothy Jane Lawson

DOROTHY JANE LAWSON

(August 5, 1926 – January 29, 2020)

Dorothy Jane Lawson, age 93, formerly of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at Belle Fountain Nursing & Rehab Center, Riverview, MI. She was born August 5, 1926 in Brownstown, Indiana, daughter of Charles David & Ina Gladys (Morgan) Hall.

Mrs. Lawson attended Temple Baptist Church, then Grace Baptist Church in Belleville, MI, for numerous years. She enjoyed shopping, knitting and crocheting. Most of all, she loved to travel with family.

Dot is survived by her sister Betty Duckett of Burlington, North Dakota, also numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Orville Marshall Lawson on April 6, 1997, three sisters: Blanch Collins, Inez Lawson and Mary Duckett; also, two brothers: John A. Hall and Robert Hall.

Visitation was 3-5 PM Sunday and 10-11 AM Monday, February 3, 2020 with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Interment was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, MI.

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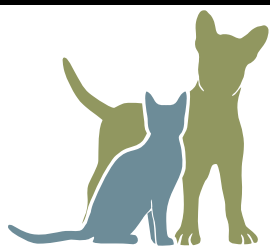
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Sumpter Give-Back Committee visits shelter

To the editor:

The Sumpter Senior Give-Back Committee is still being blessed.

We would like to thank the Belleville Area Lions Club for a generous donation. With the donation we purchased men's jackets, hats, and gloves.

On Martin Luther King's birthday, the committee (Karen Mickens, Dee Patterson, and Lettie Sanders), along with Jo Ann Gardner from the Lions Club, took the items to the Homeless Wellness Center in Detroit to distribute.

We have not decided what our 2020 project will be as of yet. However, you will be hearing from us soon.

Again, sincere thanks from the Sumpter Senior Give-Back Committee

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Van Buren Public Schools invite everyone to their Kindergarten/Preschool Roundup coming up in March for Tyler Elementary School on March 10, Savage and Rawsonville Elementary Schools on March 11, and Edgemont Elementary on March 12. Session 1 is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Session 2 is from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day and at all three locations. To pre-register, call (734) 697-9123 or pre-enroll online at www.vanburenschools.net.

I just learned that the F-35 Lightning Demo Team will be joining the cast of performers at this summer's Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport in August. It's the first year to demo the air show circuit with the \$100 million, fifth-generation multi-role fighter, which was designed to replace the US Air Force F-16 and A-10, the Navy F-18, and Marine Corp. AV-8B Harrier and F-18. The F-35 has full stealth capability along with vertical take-off and landing configurations. In a visit to Michigan last week, President Trump mentioned in his speech in Warren about possible station deployment of the F-35 to Selfridge Air National Guard Base. Stay tuned. Meanwhile I'm certain the schedule performer list on the Thunder Over Michigan website will update soon. There is a pic of an F-35 in a slideshow but no details. The F-35 and Blue Angels together at one show. Can't wait.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Feb. 6 – Workshop meeting at 5:30 p.m. at 10151 Belleville Rd. for the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority to discuss a draft of the proposed Meeting Room Use Policy and Regulation for the new building at Harris Park. Public welcome.
- Monday, Feb. 10 – City Council, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, Feb. 11 – Sumpter Township board meeting at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library

- Board, 7:30 p.m., in new library building.
- Wednesday, Feb. 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, Feb. 13 – Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission at 7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Feb. 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township work/study at 4 p.m. and regular meeting at 6 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 19 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
 - Monday, Feb. 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.



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Sumpter Township Public Notice



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer K. Bednark. Trustees: Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy and Rush. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszzyk, Public Safety Director/Chief of Police Luke and approximately 22 residents.

Supervisor Morgan requested a moment of silence for former DPW employee Leroy Campbell.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2019 with the following edit;

Remove from Full Time Members present: Holly Swinson.

Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the warrants totaling \$1,166,074.91. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Receive and File all Reports: Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to receive and file the following reports. Motion carried.

• Water & Sewer Report-Morgan:

• Police Report-Luke:

• Building/Ordinance Report-Rush:

• Fire Report-Januszzyk:

• Treasurer's Report-K. Bednark:

• Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

14. Board Response:

• Clerk Hurst provided a statement response to a recent published letter relative to the Elections and Absent Voter process.

15. New Business:

A. Motion by Rush, supported by Hurst to approve advertising for and hire a new water department worker. Roll call vote; Yay: Swinson, LaPorte, Oddy, Rush, Morgan and Hurst. Nay; Bednark. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to approve re-appointment of KATRINA GUISGAND to Board of Review with her term to expire January 1, 2023. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve Resolution of Poverty Guidelines for 2020. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve accepting the resignation, with regrets of Firefighter COLLIN LYNCH. The effective date of the resignation was January 6, 2020, per his request. Motion carried.

E. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Hurst to approve accepting the resignation, with regrets of probationary Firefighter COURTNEY FROST. The effective date of the resignation was January 8, 2020, per her request. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to approve accepting hiring JOSEPH JACKSON as a paid on-call firefighter, contingent upon him passing a physical and drug test. Motion carried.

16. Announcements:

• Clerk Hurst announced the Primary Election being conducted on March 10, 2020, the new Absent Voter permanent application requests and the encouragement to apply as an Election Inspector.

• Clerk Hurst advised of the CENSUS 2020 and referred residents to the Township website at www.sumptertwp.org for more information.

[sumptertwp.org](http://www.sumptertwp.org) for more information.

• Deputy Supervisor Armatis advised that the new Sumpter Media Center is now open and advised of the days and hours for use.

17. Open Floor: Three (3) people spoke.

18. Closed Session:

At 7:13 pm, Motion by Rush, supported by LaPorte to move to Closed Session; pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider attorney-client privileged material and pending litigation review exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal law;

A. Update, review and consideration of the MAFF/Sumpter Township Fire Fighters Labor Contract.

B. Review of a privileged Attorney-Client Communication/Letter.

C. Update and review of pending litigation; Futernick vs. Sumpter Township.

Roll call vote; Yay; Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer K. Bednark, Trustees: Rush, Swinson, LaPorte and Oddy. Nay; None. Motion carried.

At 7:57 pm, Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to open the Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the MAFF/Sumpter Township Fire Fighters Labor Contract. Trustee LaPorte abstained. Motion carried. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to proceed as discussed and accept the Attorney's update and recommendations as advised during Closed Session. Motion carried.

19. Adjournment: Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;

Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk

Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

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City sets meeting to hire interim city manager, police chief

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council set a special meeting for 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, with hopes of hiring an interim city manager and a police chief.

Private interviews by a panel of police professionals assembled by retired Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman, had been set for Feb. 5. Thirteen applicants for part-time police chief were to be held every half hour all day and then a list of recommended applicants presented to the Civil Service Commission who planned to certify the panel's decision at a 4:30 p.m. CSC meeting that day. The list would then be sent to the council and the top applicant could then be hired by the council on Monday.

The vote on the special meeting was taken at Monday's regular meeting of the council – and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer's last day on the job before retiring.

When four finalists, out of more than 400 applicants for Kollmeyer's job, failed to return their questionnaires before a planned day of interviews, the city was left without a single candidate for the job. City officials reached out to several sources to find someone to serve as fill-in city manager until one could be hired.

Mayor Kerreen Conley announced they received just one letter of interest for the appointment of interim city manager.

Councilman Ken Voigt said that person had a strong resume and a lot of experience and he thought they should approach that person with a committee. He and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte planned to meet immediately with the interested applicant for interim city manager.

It was noted by a Plante Moran representative that the state of Michigan is starving for professionals to lead cities and with Belleville being a small city it didn't have the money to compete with larger municipalities for those available.

An agreement with this unnamed professional is expected to be brought to Monday's meeting, along with the preferred police chief candidate for hire. Chief Berriman's last day was Jan. 31.

Both Berriman and Kollmeyer were to donate their time to be present at city hall for the police chief interviews on Feb. 5, although they were not to be present during the interviews. Berriman, however, did plan to be in the room for the interviews of the three internal candidates in case there were questions on them from the panel.

The internal candidates are Cpl. Todd Schrecengost and Officers Bart Devos and Tim Trombley.

Kollmeyer said by volunteering Wednesday to help with the police interviews, "I can walk away knowing my job was completed."

In other business on Monday's meeting,

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Sumpter Township Public Notice



NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 SUMPTER TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Sumpter Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any matter other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, February 24, 2020**

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) as the Sumpter Township Clerk's office, located at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday March 10, 2020 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Township of Sumpter will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

- **REPUBLICAN BALLOT-OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND PROPOSAL**
- **DEMOCRATIC BALLOT-OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND PROPOSAL**
- **NO PARTY PROPOSAL BALLOT (PROPOSAL ONLY)-RENEWAL OF WAYNE COUNTY ART INSTITUE AUTHORITY MILLAGE (REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF THE 0.2 MILL ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS FROM 2022 THROUGH 2031)**

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained in the Sumpter Township Clerk's office, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, telephone: (734) 461-6201. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.

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Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township Clerk

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Posted: January 31, 2020

City Council

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the council:

- Heard the presentation for the \$2.4 million general fund audit for FY 2018/19 by Alan C. Young & Associates that issued an unmodified opinion on the city's financial statements. While the representative said the audit showed strong financial results which he would call an A to A+ audit report, Michael Renaud said from the audience that it's tough to say it's an A+ when the city has \$7 million in longterm liabilities out there and no plan to cover them. He referred to pensions and OPEB (other post-employment benefits). The auditor said he was not grading the city on where it stands with its liabilities. It was noted that the audit showed the finances were clear and accurate and followed the rules;
- Approved the request of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts Music Committee to hold a Blues Fest on Saturday, July 25, the day of the grand opening of the new library. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets will be closed from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. to allow for set up for the concert and family activities. The Fourth Street Square and Fourth Street will also be used. The library opening event is from 11 a.m. to noon and the Blues Fest will start at 12:30 p.m. Co-chairmen of the music event are Steve Jones and City Councilman Voigt;
- Approved the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive April 3-4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Five Points. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to help Michigan Citizens with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities;
- Approved the mayor's appointment of Councilman Voigt to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire in December 2023;
- Discussed a stipend for acting city manager Rick Rutherford and voted to give him the difference between his pay and Kollmeyer's pay (she got \$2.69 more per hour) for the time he's actually working as city manager until an interim city manager is on board. In the future they will discuss a stipend to the person named acting city manager as required by the charter. There never had been a stipend in the past, but it was suggested from the audience at a recent meeting;
- Approved accounts payable of \$14,563.13 and the following purchase in excess of \$500: to Morton Salt, \$4,679.83 for road salt from the streets fund. Fire Chief Brian Loranger asked the council to add to accounts payable his payment of some \$1,800 to Fire Store for portable scene lights, which were funded by a grant and purchased. He said he had turned in the request, but it has not been on the accounts payable list for the last two meetings. It was added; and
- Said their fond farewells to Kollmeyer and presented her with a cake and a bucket of gift cards.

VBT DDA sets special workshop to study meeting room policy

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A special workshop session has been set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority to review a draft copy of the Meeting Room Use Policy and Regulation.

The draft was on the Jan. 28 DDA agenda for passage, but that was changed to putting together a subcommittee to review the draft policy before moving forward with adoption.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland at first wanted to withdraw the document from the agenda altogether, since she said there were errors in it.

She said they had taken the policy from

the township meeting room policy, but changes needed to be made.

The four-page draft policy is for the meeting rooms in the new DDA Placemaking building at Harris Park, 10151 Belleville Rd.

The draft says the maximum occupancy of the meeting area is 23 and the policy sets guidelines for its use for:

- Governmental business and VBT Economic Development meetings;
- Meetings of a non-profit organization located within the township; and
- Meeting of a non-profit organization that is not located within the township, but which proposes to use the facility to provide a service or benefit (ie: civic,

educational, or charitable) to the township residents.

The public is welcome to attend the special meeting.

Birthdays

Feb. 5 – Cheryl Martin

Feb. 7 – Kimberly Meggison

Feb. 11 -- Jenna Olschanski

Feb. 12 -- Nora Hemphill, Tina McGlynn

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Call the Independent at (734) 699-9020 with your information and we will publish it as soon as possible.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

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- Saturday, March 7th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, March 10th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Qualifications for registration are:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- City of Belleville resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election
- United States citizen

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the City of Belleville will be voting on the following:

REPUBLICAN BALLOT – Office of the President of the United States and Proposal
DEMOCRATIC BALLOT – Office of the President of the United States and Proposal

NO PARTY DECLARATION BALLOT (Proposal only) – Renewal of Wayne County Art Institute Authority Millage (request for renewal of the 0.2 mill on all taxable property located within the City for a period of 10 years from 2022 through 2031).

Sample ballots are available in the City Clerk's office, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 or on the City's website: www.belleville.mi.us.

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Sherri Scharf,
City Clerk

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VBT DDA approves new 10-year Capital Improvement Plan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Jan. 28, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority approved a new Capital Improvement Plan with 18 projects over the next 10 years.

Dave Nummer and Carmelle Tremblay of Wade Trim said the VBT DDA needs a new list of projects since it has completed all the projects on its old list. Wade Trim was hired to assist in putting together the new plan.

The two passed out booklets presenting the projects and then discussed the prioritized projects one by one, with the most important at the beginning of the list.

1. Traffic studies - including the Belleville Road corridor, Yost Road to Ecorse (converting from four-lane to three-

land roadway -- "road diet"), converting Belleville from Ecorse to Tyler into three-lane roadway; truck route study, pedestrian traffic study, proposed ring road traffic study, and Quirk/Belleville Road traffic signal warrant study (various cost estimates);

2. Belleville Road improvements from Tyler to Ecorse -- including center left-turn lane (\$5.1 million), sidewalk extension north of Tyler (\$500,000), Tyler-Belleville Road intersection improvements (\$100,000), street lights (\$1.5 million), bury power lines (\$20 million);

3. Concrete joint repairs on Belleville Road between I-94 and Belleville Lake Bridge -- cost estimate \$1.4 million;

4. Tyler Road sidewalk, east of Belleville Road to Haggerty Road -- cost estimate \$800,000;

5. I-94 South Service Drive sidewalk from the pedestrian bridge at Quirk to Belleville Road -- cost estimate \$150,000;

6. Periodic sidewalk maintenance throughout the DDA district -- conceptual annual budget \$250,000;

7. Additional mid-block pedestrian crosswalk along Belleville Road between North I-94 Service Drive and Westlake Circle -- cost estimate \$200,000;

8. Way-finding signs using DDA branding -- cost estimate \$150,000;

9. Pedestrian path on I-94 North Service Drive from Belleville Road to Morton Taylor Road -- cost estimate \$250,000;

10. Updated Belleville Road streetscape -- cost estimate \$200,000;

11. Continued brand awareness and marketing campaign -- historically \$50,000/

year;

12. Grant program to encourage development, redevelopment, and reinvestment -- estimate \$75,000 per development;

13. Placemaking projects -- based on priority;

14. Traffic signal at Belleville Road and Van Born Road intersection -- estimate \$300,000;

15. Traffic signal at Belleville Road and Quirk Road -- cost estimate \$300,000;

16. Ring Road between I-94 North Service Drive and Belleville Road (behind Westlake Apartments) -- cost estimate \$5.9 million;

17. Regional detention pond -- no estimate given;

18. Bury power lines on Belleville Road from the Belleville Bridge to Tyler Road -- estimate \$20 million.

In other business at the Jan. 28 meeting the DDA:

- Welcomed the new director of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Christopher Girdwood, who said Crossroads North by Ashley Capital, on Haggerty between Ecorse and Van Born, will bring \$200 million to VBT. He said Haggerty is not a nice road and so he is working on getting the road redone with a center lane in the 2023 season, which is a \$6 million project and he will apply for a federal grant along with money from the State and Wayne County's \$3 million. He said he also is working the Center for Mobility in Washtenaw County next door to VBT and if something is needed that can't be done there it can come to VBT. Girdwood said the data centers VBT is attracting is a good market because there is less traffic and you don't have to widen roads or build new schools and can use your money for something else;

- Approved the third amendment to the DDA bylaws to indicate that meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. as they currently are being held. The bylaws have indicated the second Tuesday since 2009. Also, the bylaw change allows member participation in a meeting by remote access communication (teleconferencing -- audio, video or web) and may be deemed present and vote at such a meeting;

- Approved phase 1 of the 2020 print marketing plan as presented at a cost not to exceed \$10,000;

- Approved advertising for price quotations for janitorial services for 10151 Belleville Rd.;

- Approved authorizing DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland to install a code system lock on the door to 10151 Belleville Rd., for the public to use when using a meeting room; and

- Set a special meeting for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, for consideration of the draft policy for use of the newly constructed building at 10151 Belleville Rd.

Special assistance with this story by Barbara Rogalle Miller.

Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

Request for Price Quotes

Charter Township of Van Buren

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Request for price quotes

Janitorial Services at 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111

Quotation Due Date: Time: 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2020

Project: The Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is accepting quotes for Janitorial Services at 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111:

for two (2) years with an option to renew in year three (3)

Commencement Date: As soon as practical upon approval of the DDA Board

Specifications are attached or the proposal may be downloaded from the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority website: www.vanburenDDA.com. Or a proposal may be obtained at the Downtown Development Authority Offices, 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Submittal: Please submit quotes by e-mail to sireland-dda@vanburen-mi.org or mail/deliver to the Van Buren Township DDA, 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 no later than 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday March 12, 2020.

Quote Review: Quotes will be reviewed at the Regular DDA meeting on March 24, 2020 during the regular meeting @ 5:30 p.m. The DDA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities that are in the best interest of the DDA.

For additional contact: Susan Ireland, Van Buren Township DDA at 734-699-8941 or by e-mail @ sireland-dda@vanburen-mi.org.

Publish: February 6, 2020

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12th Annual Report to Taxpayers

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Van Buren Township 2019 Employee Wages & Actual Cost

	Wages	Total Compensation
Parks continued		
Kuszak, Benjamin	\$4,077.84	\$4,389.79
Foy, Alexandra	\$3,823.49	\$4,115.99
Recreation		
Wright, Jennifer	\$67,489.12	\$98,620.27
Zaenglein, Jennifer	\$51,885.44	\$79,756.61
Price, Jennifer	\$49,798.37	\$77,212.27
Wall, Sydney	\$15,036.13	\$16,186.39
Fleming, Cole	\$13,879.55	\$14,941.34
Zantop, Kendyl	\$11,430.28	\$13,676.33
Simpson, Corenina	\$12,126.00	\$13,053.64
Rupnow, Cole	\$10,586.84	\$11,396.73
Rupnow, Jay	\$7,258.75	\$7,814.04
Dilts, Allison	\$3,237.11	\$3,484.75
Hernandez-Hall, Elizabeth	\$3,151.42	\$3,392.50
Seniors		
Jordan, Lynette	\$54,079.44	\$84,516.35
McBride, Patricia	\$39,776.73	\$61,430.02
Boone, Dezmun	\$13,362.80	\$14,385.05
Stillwagon, Jeffery	\$9,718.56	\$10,462.03
Alexander, Janie	\$9,490.08	\$10,216.07
Zitzewitz, Darrin	\$8,118.69	\$8,739.77
Porter, Beverly	\$7,258.03	\$7,813.27
Callihan, David	\$930.24	\$1,001.40
Johnson, Henry	\$372.64	\$401.15
Supervisor's Office		
Sumpter, Nicole	\$70,029.34	\$108,819.10
Selman, Daniel	\$67,936.89	\$90,394.49
Rodriguez, Hannah	\$27,183.76	\$36,466.06
Cline, Kathleen	\$4,824.71	\$5,193.80
Belanger, Cynthia	\$3,312.55	\$3,565.96
Treasurer Dept.		
Bellingham, Sean	\$84,230.38	\$118,747.61
Adams, Kathy	\$50,260.90	\$73,921.35
Shevrovich, Jessica	\$43,685.93	\$69,789.35
Water Dept.		
Strickland, Joseph	\$88,457.78	\$119,627.78
Caincross Jr, Noah	\$69,316.41	\$106,604.81
Pinard, Mario	\$73,322.15	\$105,930.86
Taylor, James	\$77,363.61	\$99,809.84
McLeod, Jeremy	\$67,371.70	\$97,935.15
Ladd, Martin	\$61,861.88	\$89,668.28
Osborne, Jeffrey	\$53,407.21	\$88,746.75
Hine, Bradley	\$63,845.21	\$83,274.65
Valinski, Jason A	\$63,993.00	\$81,935.09
Patton, Brandon	\$47,931.29	\$79,902.23
Pecsenye, Karen	\$49,772.31	\$77,080.39
Zysk, Marcus	\$43,507.65	\$69,541.36
Dohring, Tammy	\$38,676.58	\$53,027.43
Renaud, Elizabeth	\$27,892.62	\$37,305.21
TOTAL		\$5,072,820.25

Benefits include FICA and may include health care, dental, life insurance, vision and pension.

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

2019 Total Employee Wages & Actual Cost -- **\$5,072,820.25**

2018 Total Employee Wages & Actual Cost -- **\$4,975,398.59**

Difference + **\$97,421.66**

2019 employee total wages & compensation had approximately a 1.95% increase since 2018.

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2019 Van Buren Township Retiree Health Care Costs

Employee	Cost to VBT
Bovitz, Kristy	\$22,808.38
Brooks, Dennis	\$7,431.21
Brooks, Ken	\$7,482.06
Cline, Kathleen	\$22,811.58
Combs, Linda	\$7,062.51
Devos, Bart	\$7,431.21
Fleming, Pamla	\$22,256.52
Fondaw, Jeffrey	\$13,757.68
Foster, Helen	\$11,254.26
Greene, Robert	\$22,716.12
Guenther, Dale	\$14,300.46
Hunter, Donna	\$7,555.95
Kaupilla, Barb	\$11,484.06
Kennedy, Sharon	\$22,417.27
Kurtz, Brenda	\$17,469.63
McIntosh, Laurie	\$22,971.20
Miller, James	\$21,024.51
Moening, Michael	\$7,482.06
Morse, Vernon	\$17,358.21
Noye, George	\$14,005.54
Partridge, Denise	\$11,334.63
Schroeder, Roy	\$7,253.73
Sears, Robert	\$14,300.46
Smith, Daniel	\$14,310.95
Smyth, Keith	\$9,731.10
Soja, Stephanie	\$11,254.26
Thornsbury, Ernie	\$17,327.01
Toney, Kenneth	\$13,007.76
Wilson, Diane	\$11,254.26
Yono, Fred	\$9,731.10
TOTAL	\$420,585.68

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

2019 - 30 retirees -- **\$420,585.68**

2018 - 28 retirees -- **\$364,451.00**

Difference + **\$56,134.68**

2019 retiree health care costs had approximately a 15.4% increase since 2018.

"All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure."

— Mark Twain

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BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Feb. 6:** Boys' Swim & Dive vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Feb. 7:** Boys' Freshman Basketball vs. Stevenson HS, 5:30 p.m.; Boys' JV Basketball vs. Stevenson HS, 5:30 p.m.; Boys' Varsity Basketball vs. Stevenson HS, 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 11:** Girls' JV Basketball vs. Fordson HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls' Varsity Basketball vs. Fordson HS, 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 12:** MHSAA Wrestling Team Districts, 5:30 p.m.

Go Tigers!

Diane Kiessel

Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

Jonathan Damon makes Northern Mich. Univ. Dean's List with 4.0

Jonathan Damon of Belleville has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester at Northern Michigan University.

He qualified for the honor with a grade point average of 4.0.

"I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize."

— Steven Wright

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 458 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Jan. 26:

0228 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
0306 – PPO violation, Denton Rd.
0322 – assist citizen, Wheeler St./McKinley St.
0626 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
0846 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
0930 – assist other dept., Brookside Dr.
1155 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1316 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1345 – shooting, Sumpter Rd.
1344 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1351 – domestic, Maple Dr.
1356 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.
1440 – larceny, Holly Ln.
1528 – animal complaint, Jackson St.
1527 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ Martz Rd.
1850 – threat, Lake Point Blvd.
1937 – family trouble, Spruce Ln.
2146 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
2248 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.

Monday, Jan. 27:

0227 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0746 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
0838 – assist other dept., Heatherfield Blvd.
1005 – missing person, W. Columbia
1110 – 911 welfare check, Van Born
1146 – larceny from auto, Daisy Blvd.
1223 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1249 – assist citizen, Denton Rd.
1347 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1524 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St./N.
I-94 Service Dr.
1555 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1623 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./E I-94
1811 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1901 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.
2142 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2253 – hospice death, Kirkridge Park Dr.

Tuesday, Jan. 28:

0012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0025 – animal complaint, McBride Ave./Haggerty
0144 – domestic, Revere Dr.
0159 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd.
/ E. Huron River Dr.
0309 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service
0722 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty
0921 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1236 – animal complaint, America
1429 – assist other dept., Oak Ln.
1451 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Rolan Meadows Dr.
1542 – threat, W. Adams
1617 – animal complaint, Congress St.
1710 – fraud, Parkwood St.
1712 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
1728 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.
1927 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
2008 – neighbor trouble, Lake Villa dr.
2013 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2049 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
2302 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.

Wednesday, Jan. 29:

0323 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0330 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0956 – suicidal person, Fairbanks St.
1031 – larceny, Wildrye Ct.
1050 – parking complaint, Country Walk Blvd. /
Savage Rd.
1053 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty
Rd.
1256 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1535 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1542 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1606 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1638 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
1646 – trespassing, Sunset Pond Cir.
1716 – domestic, W. Archwood Dr.
1842 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1856 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Bemis Rd.
2015 – runaway, Assembly St.
2035 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2215 – breaking & entering, W. Archwood Dr.
2246 – road hazard, Van Born/Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 30:

0936 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.

1226 – private property impound, Rawsonville Rd.
1235 – assist other dept., Main St./Third St.
1324 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1337 – traffic offense, Huron River Dr./Hannan
1804 – larceny from auto, Marina Dr.
2011 – domestic, Freedom Way
2056 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl. /
Sugarbush Ln.
2141 – traffic offense, E. Archwood Dr.
2248 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

Friday, Jan. 31:

0912 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0943 – ordinance violation, Westlake Cir.
0943 – ordinance violation, Westlake Cir.
1011 – private property/property damage accident,
S. I-94 Service Dr.
1101 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1219 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1251 – mental subject, Elwell Rd.
1300 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
1316 – ordinance violation, Lake Villa Dr.
1342 – overdose, Sumpter Rd.
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1735 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1746 – threat, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1749 – larceny, Evelyn Ct.
1911 – animal complaint, Winding Pond Dr.
2222 – private property impound, Van Born

Saturday, Feb. 1:

0039 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0124 – private property impound, Industrial Park
Dr.
0757 – property damage accident, Haggerty/I-94
0837 – assist other dept., Chandler
0844 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0935 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0953 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W.
Adams
1127 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1157 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Village
Green Ln.
1229 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
I275 ramp N.
1259 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1456 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
Dr. / Denton Rd.
1644 – threat, Brookside Dr.
1647 – larceny from auto, Truman
1705 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1713 – unattended death, Bradley Dr.
1816 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookview Dr.
1839 – assist other dept., Peninsular Dr.
1952 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
2001 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S.
I-94 Service Dr.
2059 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2140 – suicidal person, W. Huron River Dr.
2146 – family trouble, Peachtree Ln.
2222 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd. / Tyler
Rd.

Also on this week's log are 210 traffic stops, 84 of
which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 26:

0001 – noise complaint, Henry St.
0113 – domestic, Carmell St.
0822 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1151 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.

Monday, Jan. 27:

0119 – parking complaint, Clarence St.
0145 – parking complaint, Brain St.
0156 – parking complaint, Brain St.
1211 – found property/child, Main St.
1259 – fraud, Santa Clara St.
1346 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1421 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 28:

0332 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
0449 – warrant arrest, Main St.
0833 – welfare check, Wexford Ave.
1331 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1347 – assist fire dept., Owen
1731 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
1915 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2118 – assault & battery, N. Liberty St.

Wednesday, Jan. 29:

0146 – traffic offense, Huron River Dr.
0216 – parking complaint, Carmell St.

1258 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2016 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2313 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
Thursday, Jan. 30:
0017 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/I-94
0948 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
1221 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1230 – welfare check, Main St./Third St.
1515 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
2019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anaheim

Friday, Jan. 31:

0424 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0734 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. /
Belle Villa Blvd.
0941 – intrusion alarm, E. Waterbury Ct.
1109 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1303 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1712 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2023 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Saturday, Feb. 1:

1019 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1142 – assist fire dept., Church St.
1510 – traffic offense, Main St.

Also on this week's log are 16 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 26:

0537 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1009 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1023 – assist other agency, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1246 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1309 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1543 – larceny, 8000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1718 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1945 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2050 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2052 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
2142 – suspicious person, Stonecrest Dr.
2148 – juvenile complaint, Oregon St.
2206 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

Monday, Jan. 27:

0758 – suspicious incident, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
0916 – welfare check, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1205 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1353 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1636 – property damage accident, 28000 bl.
Martinsville Rd.
2018 – injury accident, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
Tuesday, Jan. 28:
0043 – threats complaint, Greenmeadow Dr.
0420 – suspicious incident, Edgewood Dr.
0651 – traffic hazard, Judd Rd./Elwell Rd.
0837 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming St.
0849 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1709 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
2318 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.

Wednesday, Jan. 29:

0011 – warrant arrest, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0039 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0457 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0557 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
0615 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0924 – prisoner transport, out of township
1043 – traffic hazard, Karr Rd./Judd Rd.
1130 – alarm, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1347 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1534 – suspicious incident, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
1805 – prisoner transport, out of township
1910 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, Jan. 30:

0227 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0827 – suspicious person, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1138 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1517 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1641 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Clark
1907 – alarm, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2030 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry
2313 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.

Friday, Jan. 31:

0144 – welfare check, California St.
0907 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
1528 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.
1901 – reckless driver, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2332 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, Feb. 1:

0112 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0854 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
0907 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
1054 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Willis

1255 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1713 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1730 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
2128 – civil matter, 8000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Sunday, Feb. 2:

0853 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1117 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1148 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1219 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1304 – alarm, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1857 – alarm, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2150 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Also on this week's log are 59 traffic stops, 76 patrol
checks, and four miscellaneous details.

Sumpter meeting gets raucous, official tape of meeting has no sound

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

During the regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on Jan. 14, former Trustee Sheena Barnes got up to address the subject of ballots being destroyed in past elections that was mentioned in a letter to the editor in the *Independent*.

Actually, the subject was first broached by Clerk Esther Hurst who read a statement on the integrity of the elections in Sumpter. (This was printed in full in the Jan. 16 *Independent*.)

Then Treasurer Ken Bednark said since both Maria Beaudrie, who allegedly told Barnes about ballots being destroyed, and Barnes were in the audience, it could get straightened out right then. Just ask them, he suggested.

Bednark said he'd been approached by residents and Nelson Po spoke with people who said he couldn't win because they throw away the votes. He said Barnes was told by Beaudrie and people who've been in the township a long time.

Bednark said that Trustee Tim Rush said the same thing a year ago. Bednark asked the board to investigate.

Attorney Rob Young said Po was a bad source and all the ballots have to be accounted for.

Beaudrie said she told Barnes that ballots for Barnes' write-in campaign that had Barnes' name spelled wrong were discarded.

Barnes said that wasn't what Beaudrie told her. When attorney Young started talking about laws and how the ballots have to be handled, Barnes told him to keep out of the discussion and when he wouldn't, she told him to shut up.

When Supervisor John Morgan intervened, Barnes told him to shut up, too. And, when Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke directed her to leave, she told him to shut up, too.

After Luke said he was going to eject her for disturbing a public meeting, she said she would leave on her own and would not be ejected.

Reportedly, Chief Luke taunted her with, "Bye, Sheena," several times as she left the meeting room, with Barnes replying, "Shut up," each time. She got the last word.

The audio/video recording of the

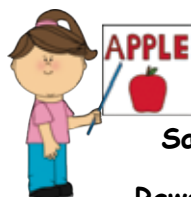
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meeting that was shown on cable television reportedly had no sound. The thumb drive that was produced with a recording of the meeting in response to a Freedom of Information Act request by the *Independent*, had sound that was garbled and unintelligible. With some special handling by the *Independent* the sound was produced in parts good enough to hear.

The new \$60,000 recording system at the township had not been working properly since it was installed last year and finally had been successfully cablecasting in the township. But the cablecast of the Jan. 14 meeting was a step back, viewers said.

The *Independent* had to leave the meeting after the work/study session before the regular meeting started, to attend another meeting.

In other business at the Jan. 14 meeting, the board:

- Held a moment of silence in memory of Leroy Campbell, an employee of the water department, who died Dec. 25;
- Received and filed all the reports on the agenda, that usually are presented orally, including reports by the attorney, water and sewer, police, building / ordinance, fire, treasurer, and supervisor;

• Voted 6-1 to approve advertising for and hiring a new water department worker to replace Leroy Campbell, with Treasurer Bednark voting no. Bednark said he thought the board had voted for a moratorium on new hires and Trustee Matt Oddy said that was just for new positions. Bednark said performance reviews have not been done in that department and so they really don't know if that position needs replacing;

• Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Katrina Guisgand to the Board of Review with a term to expire Jan. 1, 2023. Bednark asked if Guisgand was in the audience and she wasn't. He said he didn't know anything about her and he asked Supervisor Morgan to tell him something about her and he said he didn't know. It was pointed out this is a reappointment and she has served before;

• Approved the resolution setting poverty guidelines for 2020;

• Approved the resignation of fire fighters Collin Lynch, as of Jan. 6, and Courtney Frost as of Jan. 8;

• Approved the hiring of Joseph Jackson as a paid, on-call fire fighter contingent upon him passing a physical and a drug test. He introduced himself and said he has lived on Bohn Road in Sumpter Township since 2009, with his wife and three children; and

• Heard Clerk Hurst announce the March 10 election and the 2020 Census.



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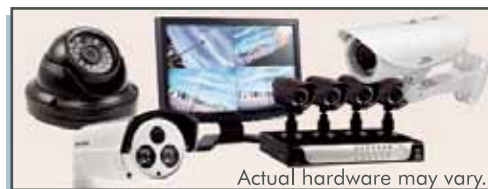
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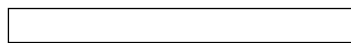
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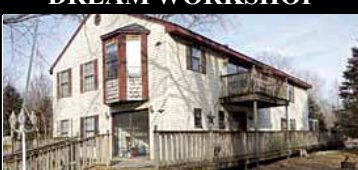
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